

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1383 without my signature.

My Administration is committed to keeping Californians safe from those who want to harm us through acts of terror. This bill would arbitrarily appropriate specified amounts of money in the Antiterrorism Fund to listed cities and counties without establishing fair and neutral selection criteria. Allocating funds without strategically assessing where the greatest needs exist, will not improve our ability to prevent, deter or respond to acts of terrorism.

While I support local efforts to combat terrorism, the limited dollars in the Antiterrorism Fund should remain competitive among all political subdivisions of the state.

For this reason I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger